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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the Specification:

Paragraph beginning at line 26 of page 2 has been amended as follows:

In the field of crop protection and, accordingly, also in the field of the control of harmful plants, there have been repeated attempts to enhance the use of properties of a given active compound, such as, for example, its activity spectrum, its persistence or the required application rate, for example by modified formulations or application methods. Thus, Weed Research, 1997, 37, 19-36, examines whether the activity of the herbicide chlorsulfuron can be enhanced and its tendency to leach can be reduced by using a controlled0release formulation. US 5,674,519 discloses that the tendency of certain crop protection agents including herbicides to leach in the soil can be reduced by a formulation in which the active compounds are present in microencapsulated form. Similarly, WO 98/05205[,too,] and US 5,543,383 describe a particular form of encapsulating crop protection agents which leads to an increased activity and a reduced susceptibility to leaching by rain. Furthermore, WO 99/26474 [and WO 99/26743] describes methods for releasing active compounds using cyclodextrins or carbohydrates. EP-A 0 517 669 discloses that the leaching behavior of agrochemicals can be improved by microencapsulation in polyester polymers. GB-A 1 041 028 provides mixtures of paraquat salts and fuller's earth having anticoccidial properties.

Paragraph beginning at line 8 of page 3 has been amended as follows:

Accordingly, it is an object of the present invention to make possible the use of post-emergence herbicides by the pre-emergence method. This object is achieved by herbicidal compositions, comprising an effective amount of one or more post-emergence herbicides and an amount of a

carrier material from the group consisting of fullers earth, aerogels, high-molecular-weight polyglycols and polymers based on acrylic acid, methacrylic acid and copolymers thereof, with the proviso that herbicidal compositions comprising paraquat and fuller's earth shall be excluded.

Paragraph beginning at line 27 of page 3 has been amended as follows:

Usually, the compositions according to the invention comprise

- a) from [0.001] 0.15 to 48% by weight of one or more post-emergence herbicides,
- b) from 2 to 90% by weight of a carrier material and
- c) from 0 to 97% by weight of a solvent.

In the Claims:

Claim 1 has been amended as follows:

1. (Amended) A herbicidal composition, comprising an effective amount of one or more post-emergence herbicides and an amount of a carrier material selected from the group consisting of fuller's earth, aerogels, high-molecular-weight polyglycols and polymers based on acrylic acid, methacrylic acid and copolymers thereof, with the proviso that herbicidal compositions comprising paraquat and fuller's earth shall be excluded.